

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	72.0	65.8	70.3	66.9	70.8	73.4
• Passed 2 subtests	19.2	18.6	17.5	18.1	16.2	15.2
• Passed 1 subtest	7.0	10.4	9.3	9.6	8.5	7.4
• Passed no subtests	1.8	5.2	3.0	5.4	4.5	4.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	22.5%	22.0%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	26.4%	23.6%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	44.4%	54.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	94.4%	22.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	88.0%	20.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.1%	22.5%	
Gender			
Male	95.0%	22.6%	
Female	93.7%	22.3%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	90.6%	34.8%	
Hispanic	66.7%	50.0%	
White	95.2%	20.0%	
Other	100.0%	50.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	91.7%	23.3%	
Pay for lunch	95.4%	22.3%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	59.7%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	13.6%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,786	N/A	\$5,662	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 87.4%	90.3%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	28.6 to 1	N/A	26.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,260)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	86.1%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 93.7%	95.3%	95.3%
• Retention rate	4.8%	Down from 12.5%	9.3%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=79)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.2 Days	Up from 6.5	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.5%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	45.6%	Down from 54.8%	53.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	74.7%	Up from 72.4%	82.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.1%	Up from 2.6%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	64.7%	N/A	86.6%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,432	Up 3.9%	\$38,972	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.6%	Up from 1.9%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.1%	N/A	55.7%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	47.4%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	5.6%	Down from 7.1%	9.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	128	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	8.3%	Down from 19.2%	8.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Up from 12.1%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	171	N/A	397	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	4.4%	N/A	24.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a great year at Carolina Forest High School. Our students showed improvement academically and artistically. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- Our Academic Olympic Team won the district competition and tied for first place in the Beach Ball Classic Competitions.
- Our Mock Trial Team won the district competition and placed third in the state competition.
- Our students received 19 awards at the Sand Hills Region IV Science Fair.
- Our newspaper, The Prowler, received an All-State award at the SC Scholastic Press Association's award ceremony.
- Five of our art students won awards in the Second Annual Horry/Georgetown County High School Student Juried art show.
- Five students were selected for the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.
- Five students were selected as Palmetto Fellows.
- Three students were selected to receive the Robert C. Byrd scholarship.
- Preliminary reports indicate that our school showed significant gains on the SC Exit Exam in mathematics and reading.

During the coming year, we hope to increase the number of students eligible for the LIFE Scholarship. We will work with our School Improvement Council to develop a plan to increase student attendance and parent and community involvement.

Velna Allen, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	88.0	72.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.8	76.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	56.3	83.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-11 High School

Enrollment: 1,260 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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